



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee
Minutes

March 4, 2010

10:00 a.m.

570 East Woodrow Wilson Blvd, Jackson, MS

Members Present

- **William "Pete" Avara, MD**
 - **Rick Carlton, MD**
 - **John Nelson, MD**
 - **Clyde Deschamp, PhD, NREMT-P**
 - **Douglas Higginbotham**
 - **Amber Kyle, RN**
 - **Josh Wenzel, NREMT-P**
 - **H.S. "Butch" McMillan**
 - **Ben Yarbrough, MD**
 - **Joann Coates-Schnegg, MD**
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Agenda

- **Call to Order/Acceptance of Minutes**
 - Meeting called to order by Dr. Nelson at 10:05 a.m.
 - Motion to approve Minutes of November 13, 2009 meeting made by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Wenzel. Motion passed.
 - **Legislative Update**
 - Hope Ladner, MSDH Legislative Liaison, presented a legislative update. Two bills which would have affected the Trauma System; one would have generated fees to the Trauma Care Trust Fund for individuals convicted of operating a motor vehicle without insurance. The other bill was an emergency practitioner's bill. Both bills "died."
 - Dr. Norman Miller presented an update on the Trauma Care Trust Fund. Cash on-hand as of February 26, 2010 was \$6.58M. This was after the fund was reduced by \$4M per the Governor's direction. Collections are continuing, albeit at a slower pace. It is anticipated that next distribution will be approximately \$10M in April, 2010.
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- **Rules and Regulations Update**

- The sub-committee submitted numerous changes for approval. The following item was returned to the committee for additional review:
 - Page 28, Section 400.04(7)(f)(iii) Research whether designated burn centers must be within the state or within the Trauma System.
- Appendix D was amended to include the following note:
 - If no Burn Center is designated, the 5% allocated to Burn Centers will be added to the Hospital Fixed Distribution.
- Motion made by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Dr. Yarbrough, to accept the changes to the Trauma System regulations as amended. Motion passed.

- **Functionality Sub-Committee Nominations**

- Dr Carlton was nominated to be Chairman of the Functionality Sub-Committee. Dr. Carlton was subsequently appointed by the MTAC Chairman, Dr. Avara, as the sub-committee chairman.
- The following members volunteered to comprise the committee: Dr. Yarbrough, Mr. Higginbotham, Ms. Kyle, and Dr. Deschamps.
- Dr. Carlton will contact the Department to set up the first meeting.

- **MEMSIS E-PCR**

- During a regional meeting, members of the regional Board of Directors expressed concern over the use of the E-PCR, and the possible loss of a written report being left at the hospital when EMS delivers a patient.
- Ms. Alisa Williams, State EMS Director, gave a presentation on MEMSIS and the EMS rules on leaving a report.
- Motion made by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Yarbrough, to refer this matter to the newly formed Functionality Sub-committee. Motion passed.

- **Public Education/Outreach**

- During a regional meeting, there was discussion concerning destination guidelines and the choice of the patient to go to a specific hospital. One of the requests from the region was for the state to develop a message through a public outreach/education program.
- Dr. Robert Galli, State EMS Medical Director, remarked that there is a number of public service messages on the CDC site specifically related to trauma. He also remarked that other locales are having the same difficulty with educating the public and health care providers on trauma rules.
- Motion made by Dr. Deschamps, seconded by Ms. Kyle, to allow the Department to develop a Trauma System education program. Motion carried.

- **MHG/Coastal TCR Request for Exception**

- Memorial Hospital of Gulfport made a request to the Coastal TCR for an exception to Section 901 (b) that requires a back-up call schedule for Trauma Surgeons. MHG reported that they had data which supported their position that a back-up schedule was not necessary.
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- The region PI committee agreed to review the data and make a recommendation back to the Board of Directors.
 - Dr. Miller requested that the methodology developed for changing a Trauma Center's designation be used to address any request for exception to the regulations.
 - Ms. Kyle suggested that the State PI Committee could review the request in lieu of using the Trauma Consultant.
 - Agenda request will be made to the Rules and Regulations Sub-Committee to review verbiage for inclusion in the Trauma System regulations.

- **Level IV Trauma Center designations**

- Dr. Miller reported that the following hospitals have been designated as Level IV Trauma Centers effective March 1, 2010:
 - South Sunflower County Hospital, Indianola
 - Alliance Health Care System, Holly Springs
 - Tri-Lakes Medical Center, Batesville
 - Crossgates River Oaks, Brandon
 - Noxubee Medical Complex, Macon
 - Riley Hospital, Meridian
 - Monfort Jones Memorial Hospital, Kosciusko
 - St. Dominic Memorial Hospital, Jackson
- The following hospitals have Level IV applications pending:
 - S.E. Lackey, Forest
 - Patient's Choice-Humphreys County, Belzoni
 - Wesley, Hattiesburg
 - Greene County, Leakesville
 - Scott Regional, Morton
 - H.C. Watkins, Quitman
 - NWRMC, Clarksdale
 - Covington County, Collins
 - Simpson General, Mendenhall
- The following hospitals have applied to be Level III Trauma Centers and will be receiving an educational visit during the week of March 8, 2010:
 - River Oaks
 - BMH-Desoto, Southaven
 - Oktibbeha County, Starkville
 - BMH-North, Oxford

- **Region reports**

- Delta Region report by Ms. Gerry Whitfield.
 - North Region report by Ms. Susan Perrigin.
 - Central Region. No report, Dr. Galli made a brief presentation on Med-Com.
 - East Central Region report by Mr. Tim Thomas.
 - Southwest Region report by Mr. Jimmy McManus.
 - Southeast Region report by Mr. Wade Spruill.
 - Coast Region report by Dr. Avara.
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- **Open discussion**

- Dr. Galli announced the UMMC Office of Tele-Health will soon be open. This office will provide off-site CME/CEU through technology. Hospitals should be receiving notifications; Trauma regions are invited to participate in the program.

- **Adjournment-Next Meeting scheduled for June 3, 2010**
